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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Director *LB*

THRU: Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director

THRU: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DH*

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Engineer *DJ*

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Form and Amount of Replacement Reclamation Surety, Teck Cominco American Inc., Apex Mine, M/053/004, Washington County, Utah

On September 16, 2003, we received notification from St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company that as of December 9, 2003, they were canceling surety bond #KE7450 for the Apex Mine. On October 2, 2003, Teck Cominco American Inc. sent a replacement surety bond #6218205 issued by Safeco Insurance Company of American. Safeco Insurance has an "A" rating and is listed on the federal register of acceptable bonding companies in Utah.

The surety is escalated to year 2007; therefore, no other changes are required at this time. The Reclamation Contract has been corrected to reflect the new surety company and policy number.

If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the replacement reclamation surety from Safeco Insurance Co. please sign and date the surety bond form. We will then issue final Division approval of the replacement surety for the Apex Mine and will return the St. Paul Fire & Marine bond to them for their disposal or return to the surety company. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Enclosure: Surety
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Agree LDD 10/8/03